

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9, 11 and 12 remain in the application with claims 1 and 9 being independent.

The entire inventive concept herein is to cut away the rear of a mitred joint beneath the front surfaces without cutting the front surfaces and injecting a resin to replace the cut away portion and bond the mitred corners together. The purpose of the invention is to produce "clean" corners without molding protrusions, differences in color or front surface texture, i.e., to preserve the features of the front surfaces of the mitred extrusions.

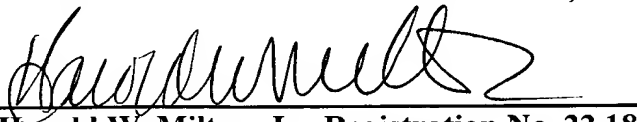
Wain '849 does not accomplish these objectives and does not meet the terms of claims 1 or 9. Figure 16 of Wain '849 is a top view showing the first surfaces 62e and 64e clearly cut away to accommodate the plug 88a. Figure 18 of Way '849 is a bottom view showing the cuts 84 into the front surfaces. All of the problems set forth in pages 1 and 2 of the subject application are presented in the Wain '849 molding.

Claims 1 and 9 in reciting that the first surfaces remain in tact across the entire original extrusions, i.e., integrity maintained, and resin is injected behind the front surfaces of a mitred joint which extrudes entirely across the extrusions. Wain '849 simply does not suggest the claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no fees are due, however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789. Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted

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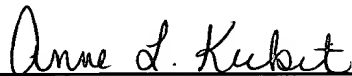
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